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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: BRIEFING THE CONGRESS ON YOUR
MEETINGS IN GENEVA AND LONDON

(S/S 7814183)

TO THE SECRETARY FROM H - DOUGLAS J. BENNET

1. ISSUE FOR DECISION

WHETHER TO BRIEF THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND KEY SENA-
TORS ON YOUR TRIP PRIOR TO YOUR APPEARANCE ON ISSUES AND
ANSWERS. ALSO WHETHER TO OFFER TO APPEAR BEFORE THE
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JACKSON SUBCOMMITTEE ON SALT.

2. ESSENTIAL FACTORS

AS YOU ARE AWARE, LINKAGE OF SALT AND THE SOVIET DISSIDENT
TRIALS IS AN ISSUE OF CONSIDERABLE CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN.
IN VIEW OF THAT CONCERN AND YOUR APPEARANCE ON ISSUES AND

ANSWERS ON SUNDAY, JULY 23, WE RECOMMEND STRONGLY
THAT YOU SCHEDULE A MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND OTHER KEY SENATORS TO
GIVE THEM A BRIEFING ON YOUR TRIP, PARTICULARLY ON SALT AND
THE MIDDLE EAST, ON THE 21ST . WE BELIEVE IT
IMPORTANT THAT KEY MEMBETS HEAR FROM YOU DIRECTLY, HOPE-
FULLY BEFORE THE MEDIA BEGIN TO REPORT THE DETAILS.

THIS MEETING WILL NOT REPLACE A MORE FORMAL APPEARANCE BE-
FORE THE SFRC AND HIRC. SINCE YOUR DEPARTURE, WE HAVE HAD
AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR YOUR TESTIMONY FROM THE SFRC. WE
WILL ARRANGE DATES FOR THESE APPEARANCES UPON YOUR RETURN
AS PER YOUR EARLIER GUIDANCE.

WE URGE THAT YOU ALSO OFFER TO BRIEF THE JACKSON SUB-
COMMITTEE ON SALT. IN A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT THIS
WEEK AND BEFORE THE PRESS AFTERWARDS, JACKSON COMPLAINED
THAT YOU HAD NOT CONSULTED WITH HIS SUBCOMMITTEE FOR OVER
FOUR MONTHS.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT YOU AGREE TO BRIEF THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP
PLUS KEY SENATORS ON YOUR TRIP AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON
JULY 21 .
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2. THTAT, IN ADDITION TO YOUR APPEARANCE BEFORE THE SFRC
AND HIRC, YOU OFFER TO BRIEF THE JACKSON SUBCOMMITTEE ON
SALT.

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